

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 31824
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Kiminobu HIRATA, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 2809
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Application No.: 10/572,573	:	Group Art Unit: 3748
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Filed: November 07, 2006	:	Examiner: Tu Minh Nguyen
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For: ENGINE EXHAUST EMISSION	:	
PURIFICATION APPARATUS	:	

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 6, 2009, wherein prosecution has been restricted to one of two identified species, Applicant hereby elects Species I, represented in Figures 4, 8 or 9, for prosecution on the merits in the above-identified application. Claims 1 to 3, 6 to 8, 10, 11, 17 and 18 read on the elected species. This election is made without traverse.

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Respectfully submitted,

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